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Amendments To The Drawings:

None.

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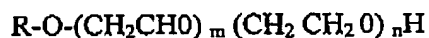
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Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2005. The Examiner kindly indicated that Claim 3 represented a patentable improvement over the prior art. Accordingly, claim 3 has been amended to place it in independent form incorporating all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to recite that the compound reacting with polyalkylene oxide is glycerin, 1,2,3-trimethoxy propane, ethylene glycol, 1,2-diethoxy ethane, diethyl ether, or methyl acetate. Support for the amendments can be found in lines 24-27 on page 5 of the originally filed specification.

GB2371555 discloses polyoxyethylene polyoxypropylene alkyl ether represented by the formula:



Wherein R is an alkyl group. However, GB2371555 fails to teach or suggest the claimed reaction product wherein the compound is glycerin, 1,2,3-trimethoxy propane, ethylene glycol, 1,2-diethoxy ethane, diethyl ether, or methyl acetate.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 20 are believed to be patentable and claims 2-19, which are dependent from claim 1, are also believed to be patentable over the cited art.

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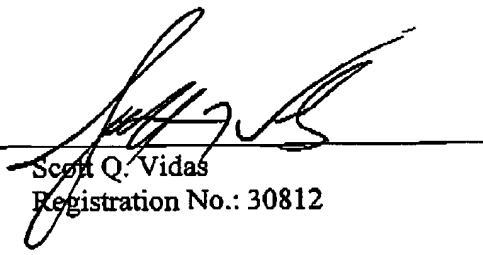
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